

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are in response to the Office Communication dated November 18, 2003. In the Communication, the Examiner commented that claim 14 had mistakenly been made independent, whereas claim 13 had been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 13 is duly rewritten in independent form herein, and claim 14 is made dependent on claim 1.

Applicant has made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the prior art, and it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance. In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

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Respectfully submitted,



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